

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 to 20 (Cancelled).

21 (Currently Amended). A method ~~device~~ comprising:

providing a device for mixing and dispensing a bone filling material comprising a receptacle having a sidewall peripherally surrounding an interior for receiving components of [a] the bone filling material in an unmixed condition, the receptacle including a first end region and a second end region oppositely spaced from the first end region; a dispenser outlet formed on the sidewall adjacent the second end region and communicating with the interior of the receptacle; a ~~stand~~ base disposed adjacent on the second end region to hold support the first end region in an upright condition and being sized and configured to resist tipping of the receptacle during use;

providing a mixing element sized to be inserted into the interior of the receptacle through the first end region while the ~~stand holds~~ base supports the first end region in the upright condition, to mix the components of the bone filling material within the interior of the receptacle, the mixing element also be sized to be withdrawn from the interior of the receptacle through the upright first end region after mixing of the components; and

providing a plunger sized to be inserted, after withdrawal of the mixing element, into the interior of the receptacle through the first end region for advancement through the interior toward the second end region, to dispense the mixed components of the bone filling material through the dispenser outlet while the ~~stand holds~~ base supports the first end region in the upright condition,

placing components of the bone filling material in an unmixed condition into the interior, while the base supports the first end region in the upright condition, inserting the mixing element into the interior of the receptacle through the first end region,

while the base supports the first end region in the upright condition, manipulating the mixing element to mix the components of the bone filling material within the interior of the receptacle,

after mixing of the components, and while the base supports the first end region in the upright condition, withdrawing the mixing element from the interior of the receptacle through the upright first end region,

withdrawing the mixing element from the interior of the receptacle, and while the base supports the first end region in the upright condition, inserting the plunger into the interior, and

while the base supports the first end region in the upright condition, advancing the plunger through the interior toward the second end region to dispense the mixed components of the bone filling material through the dispenser outlet.

22 to 24 (Cancelled).